

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data editing apparatus comprising:
a storage section, including: (i) a first ~~storage-area~~
folder to store audio data and image data that is linked to a
~~predetermined~~ playback position of the audio data, and (ii) a
5 second ~~storage-area~~ folder to store only image data and no audio
data;

link release means for canceling [[a]] the link between
~~arbitrary~~ the audio data and the image data linked therewith
which are stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder; and

10 moving means for moving the image data, from which the link
is canceled, from the first ~~storage-area~~ folder to the second
~~storage-area~~ folder when the link is canceled by the link release
means, such that the image data from which the link is canceled
is no longer stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image
data, from which the link is canceled, if the same image data as
5 the image data to be moved is already stored in the second
~~storage-area~~ folder.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and rewrites header information of the image data to cancel the link
5 between the audio data and the image data.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked to a ~~predetermined~~ playback position of the audio
5 data, wherein the audio data and the image data linked thereto are stored in a first ~~storage-area~~ folder in a memory of the computer, the program being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute functions comprising:

canceling [[a]] the link between ~~arbitrary~~ the audio data
10 and the corresponding image data stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder; and

moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first ~~storage-area~~ folder to a second ~~storage-area~~ folder in the memory of the computer when the link is canceled, such that
15 the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder;

wherein only image data, and no audio data, is stored in the second ~~storage-area~~ folder.

5. (Previously Presented) The data editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

audio data selecting means for selecting a target audio data to be subjected to link addition in an audio data list display area;

means for selecting image data to be linked with the selected audio data from among the image data stored in the second folder;

means for linking the selected audio data with the selected image data and copying the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder; and

means for, after the copying of the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder, deleting the selected image data from the second folder.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claims 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying an editing window that includes a first display area for displaying a list of audio data stored in the first ~~storage area~~ folder such that the audio data is selectable, a second display area for displaying a list of image data stored in the second ~~storage area~~ folder, and a third display area for displaying a list of image data that is linked

to audio data that has been selected from the list of audio data
displayed in the first display area,

wherein the link release means cancels the link between the
~~arbitrary~~ audio data and the image data linked therewith which
are stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder, in response to an
operation on the editing window.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium
having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable
by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image
data linked to a ~~predetermined~~ playback position of the audio
data, the program being executable by the computer to cause the
computer to execute functions comprising:

displaying on a display of the computer an editing window
that includes: (i) a first display area for displaying a list of
audio data that is stored in a first ~~storage-area~~ folder in a
memory of the computer, such that the audio data is selectable,
(ii) a second display area for displaying a list of image data
that is not linked to the audio data, the image data that is not
linked to the audio data being stored in a second ~~storage-area~~
folder in the memory that is different from the first ~~storage~~
area folder, and (iii) a third display area for displaying a list
of image data that is linked to audio data that has been selected
from the list of audio data displayed in the first display area,

the image data that is linked to the audio data being stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder;

- 20 canceling [[a]] the link between ~~arbitrary~~ the audio data and the corresponding image data stored in the first ~~storage-area~~ folder, in response to an operation on the editing window; and
- moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first ~~storage-area~~ folder to the second ~~storage-area~~ folder when the link is canceled.